

PATENT

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's telephone communication of March 6, 2006 and further in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2005, and in order to provide a complete response, enclosed is a copy of the Terminal Disclaimer timely filed on October 18, 2005 to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 have been rejected.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-6 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent 6,731,936.

Applicants file a terminal disclaimer with this response to overcome this rejection. Therefore, claims 1-12 are in condition for allowance.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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